

*Application No .09/721,904
Amendment dated July 12, 2004
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REMARKS

Claims 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 180, 199, 200, 201, 202, 222, 223, 226, 227, 228, 229, and 230 are pending in the application.

No new matter has been added by the amendments submitted herein, as explained further below.

Claim 170, against which no rejection is outstanding, has been amended to include limitations of parent claim 159.

Claim 180, against which no rejection is outstanding, has been amended to include limitations of parent claims 159 and 162.

Claim 199, against which no rejection is outstanding, has been amended to include limitations of parent claim 159.

Each of claims 223 and 227, against which no rejection is outstanding, has been amended to correct an obvious grammatical error.

The rejection of each of claims 228, 229 and 230 was maintained in the Advisory Action. Each of these claims, however, is dependent upon a claim against which no rejection is outstanding. Maintenance of the rejection of each of these claims appears to be a clerical error in the Advisory Action, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action states that claims which read onto SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, and SEQ ID NO:7 read onto non-elected embodiments. The restriction requirement set out in the paper of February 12, 2003, states on page 4 that the election of species would be maintained if no generic claim was held to be allowable, and that claim 170 is a generic claim. In view of the allowability of generic claim 170, Applicants respectfully submit that maintenance of this restriction requirement is no longer proper.

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In that all outstanding rejections raised in the Final Action have been satisfied, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance, and request same.

In the event that any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (416) 865-8121 with any proposal to advance prosecution.

Yours very truly,



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